

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ACTION PLAN FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM INDUSTRIES

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for the small and medium scale industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard alongwith its likely benefits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): As on date there is no definition for medium enterprise/unit. However, the Government introduced a Bill, viz; "Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMED) Bill, 2005" in the Lok Sabha on 12th May, 2005. The said Bill interalia provides a definition for medium manufacturing enterprise and medium service enterprise and also addresses the issues concerning promotion and development of small and medium industries. In addition, a package for promotion of small enterprises sector is under consideration of the Government which, interalia, has provision for credit support, fiscal incentives, technological and marketing assistance, entrepreneurship development, Infrastructural development, etc."